

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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POLLUTION DUE TO EFFLUENTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the drinking water in Daurala town and nearby villages of Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh has been contaminated by the effluents emanating from Daurala Sugar Mills, Daurala Chemicals and Daurala Distillery located in the above mentioned town;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that the residents are suffering from several kinds of diseases spreading on account of foul smell in the atmosphere resulting in untimely casualties;
- (c) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to send any Central team there for testing the pollution level in water and atmosphere so that the residents can be protected from an epidemic;
- (d) if so, the time by which the team is likely to be sent; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to protect the residents from atmospheric and water pollution?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) As per the information provided by the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), all the three units namely; Daurala Sugar Works (Sugar Unit), Daurala Sugar Mills (Chemical Unit) and M/s Daurala Sugar Works (Distillery Unit) are complying with the environmental standards. The Daurala Sugar Works and Daurala Sugar Mill are discharging treated effluents into river Kali (east) in compliance with the stipulated norms. In case of the Distillery unit, the treated effluent is partially used for bio-composting and the rest for ferti-irrigation to achieve zero discharge.
- (b) to (e) The UPPCB is regularly monitoring the performance of industries to ensure compliance to environmental standards.